Closure of Industries in Gujarat

3263. SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of small, medium and large scale industrial units have fallen sick in various parts of Gujarat during the period from 1st January, 1985 to 31st October, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) how many employees have been rendered jobless thereby;

(d) what steps are being taken to re-open these units; and

(e) how many Letters of Intent have been issued during the above period for the opening of new industries, with details and the job opportunities to be created thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A SANGMA): (a) to (e) The information which is being collected will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

SYL Canal

3264. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that construction work of SYL Canal is not progressing as per schedule;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the delay; and

(c) whether Government propose to take any steps for the early completion of this project and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Construction of some of the works of the SYL Canal Project has not been progressing according to schedule because of circumstances like farmers' agitation, unseasonal rains, staff strike at Junior Engineer level and Contractor's performance.

(c) With Government of India providing the necessary funds there is no constraint of resources in expediting the progress. Implementation is being monitored by a high level committee at the Centre to resolve bottlenecks and help in organising the necessary inputs. Some of the contractors whose performance was less than satisfactory have been replaced. Additional allocation of cement has also been made for the project. The Government of Punjab has also constituted a high power committee under the Chief Secretary to expedite completion of the Canal.

Inclusion of Public Company/Corporation engaged in house building activities for the purpose of Section 36(1) (viii) of the Income Tax Act

3265. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the conditions laid down in the Income Tax Act provide for the creation of special reserve fund by a financial corporation engaged in providing long-term finance for industrial or agricultural development in India or by a public company formed and registered in India with the main object of carrying on business of providing long-term finance for construction

or purchase of houses in India for residential purpose; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not permitting the approval u/s 36(1) (viii) of the Income-Tax Act, 1961 to some financial corporations/public companies which are engaged in the construction of residential houses and which are providing long term finance to help the lower and middle class of people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Yes, Sir. provided the public company/financial corporation is approved by the Central Government for the purpose of Section 36(1) (viii) of the Income Tax Act

(b) The reason for not including financial corporations/public companies which are engaged in constructing residential houses u/s 36(1) (viii) of the Income-tax Act, 1961 is that the construction activity is highly profitable and it does not require any fiscal incentive The activity of providing finance on long term basis for the construction/purchase of residential houses/flats, not being a profitable activity, fiscal incentive u/s 36(1)(viii) of the Income-Tax Act, 1961 has been provided. Even such companies which are engaged in constructing residential houses and providing long term finance for construction/purchase of residential houses/flats have not been extended this fiscal incentive as in their case, the activity of providing long term finances is only incidental to their main activity of construction/sale of residential houses/flats.

Preaching of communal hatred

3266 DR MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons arrested in the country, Statewise and Union Territorywise for delivering speeches preaching communal hatred or for writings preaching hatred among various communities in the country during year 1986 and so far during the current year; and

(b) the number of persons convicted for delivering highly inflammatory and provocative speeches and highly objectionable writings, State-wise and Union Territory-wise, during these years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) A statement showing the number of persons arrested/convicted State-wise/U.T. wise, for preaching communal hatred during 1986-87 is enclosed (*See* below). Information in respect of the remaining States/UTs is being collected and it would be laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Sl. No.	States/UTs	No. of persons arrested	No. of persons convicted.
	States		
1	Haryana	5	..
2	Andhra Pradesh	3	..
3	Sikkim	..	..
4	Manipur	..	..
5	Tripura	..	..
6	Goa	..	..
7	Mizoram	..	..
B.	*UT Admns.*		
1	Delhi	83	..
2	Chandigarh	24	..
3	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1	..
4	Pondicherry	51	..
5	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	..	..
6	Lakshadweep	..	..